

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date 9/22/87

Full name Franklin Leon Mathias
(no initials if you can possibly get Full name)

Social Security Number _____

Address _____

City La Grande State Oregon ZIP Code 97850

Date of Birth 1/ /34 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

Religion L.D.S. Nationality Caucasian

Occupation Printer

Education Bachelor - Elementary Education

Weight 200 Height 5'8" Race White

Color of hair Brown Color of eyes _____

Outstanding characteristics or interests Thinning hair

Married or single Married Children _____
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name _____

Scouting connections: Commissioner - June 1986-June 1987

Unit No.	City	State	Position	Date registered	Date resigned
513/516	La Grande	Or.	SC/CC		6/16/87

Special recognition Scouter of the year - 1986 Eastern Oregon District

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: Resigned 6/16/87 from all

BSA positions & activities - Arrested 9/4/87 on 9 counts of sexual abuse and on 9/14/87 was indicted

on 4 counts of sexual abuse in the 2nd degree and 1 count of sexual abuse in the 1st degree.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

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Signed _____
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Blue Mountain Council Boy Scouts of America

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March 8, 1988

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service
Boy Scouts of America
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Franklin Leon Mathias

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is a copy of a news article printed in The Observer, La Grande, OR, on February 23, 1988, for your file.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP W. ROBINS
Scout Executive

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Enclosure

cc: Western Region

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Prison term ordered for long-time sex abuser

By Kathy Aney

Observer Staff Writer

A Boy Scout volunteer and church school teacher, accused of sexually assaulting more than 70 young boys since 1962, was ordered Monday to serve four years in the state prison. Franklin Leon Mathias, 54, was sentenced by Union County Circuit Judge R.T. "Tom" Gooding for molesting an 11-year-old boy during a Sunday school class. Union County District Attorney Russ West recommended the sentence, claiming Mathias had sexually abused more than 70 victims during his adult life.

The sentence carries a minimum of 24 months and requires that Mathias, 504 S. 12th St., make restitution to the victim.

In addition, Mathias received suspended one-year sentences for each of three Class A misdemeanor sexual abuse charges.

As a condition of parole, Mathias must serve 180 days in the Union County Correctional Facility for each count.

The misdemeanor sex abuse incidents occurred during scouting activities at Catherine Creek State Park last summer and at a Cub Scout outing in 1985.

The sentences will be served consecutively.

Upon release from the county jail, Mathias must adhere to 22 conditions of parole for the Class C felony.

Some of the conditions require Mathias:

- To refrain from knowingly associating with persons under age 18.

- To successfully complete a treatment program for sexual-related disorders.

- To refrain from viewing television programs, motion pictures or home videos which act as a stimulus for his deviant cycle.

- To not reside in any residential setting where he might have contact with persons under the age of 13.

Gooding spoke directly to the defendant before he pronounced sentence.

"You have a cognitive disorder so strong that only those involved can know the strength of such a deviancy."

Gooding cited as aggravating factors: the vulnerable ages of the victims, the use of a position of public trust to promote deviancy, the large number of victims the defendant admitted abusing and the crimes that were dismissed or not prosecuted pursuant to guilty pleas.

Mathias admitted he abused 10 male students in 1962 when he taught at Greenwood School.

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Sentence

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The school district agreed not to prosecute if he avoided teaching, scouts or other activities that involve children.

"I am disappointed," said Gooding, "that this matter wasn't handled by the system in 1962 — we wouldn't have all this wreckage now."

West cited the defendant's misuse of a position of public trust and his unwillingness to accept treatment as reasons for imprisonment versus an outpatient treatment program.

A psychiatric report said Mathias "joined church and became involved in scouts to have access to victims. He planned activities so he could have contact with children."

Mathias was accused of touching his victims' genitals through their clothing.

Another report stated that Mathias "needs to be treated in the confines of a prison."

The mother of one of the victims addressed the court saying, "I have a great love for the Mathias family and for Mr. Mathias as a person but he has a problem. This must be handled fairly and carefully so that children don't lose faith in the judicial system."

Mathias fought back tears as he made a public apology to his victims and the people of Union County for his crimes.

"I hate what I have done, and I wish that I had never been born. I don't know why I do these things ... I'm sorry about the shame I have brought upon my family."

Defense Attorney David Baum recommended enrollment in a treatment program so Mathias, a printer, could continue to work. Baum also suggested polygraph tests on a regular basis and some jail time.

"Sentencing Frank for each individual offense would be like sentencing an alcoholic for each drink he took," said Baum.

January 4, 1983

Mr. Phillip W. Robins
Scout Executive
Blue Mountain Council, No. 604

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Franklin Leon Mathias

Dear Phil:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Western Region

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WATS CALL FORM

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COUNCIL #

604

PHONE

CALLER:

B. Th.

POSITION:

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION

VETERANS

EXPLORING

SCOUTING

BOYS' LIFE

UNIT #

DIST. #

EXP. DATE

TRANSMITTAL #

FILM #

Legal action should be in CF
SE will call

INFO will come
12-2-87

Per SE. Convicted. Sentencing in 2 weeks
will send

NAME

B. Th.

DATE

12-1-87

TIME

R/S-433

3/13/86-clf-567r

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October 21, 1987

Mr. Phillip W. Robins
Scout Executive
Blue Mountain Council, No. 604

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Franklin Leon Mathias

Dear Phil:

Thank you for sending us the material related to the above-named individual. This is most helpful to us and certainly gives us all the information we need for refusal of registration.

We would like to have the outcome of the legal action so that we have this in our files for future use. When this case has been completed, please send us the conviction and sentencing that takes place. This will then complete the file.

Thank you for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

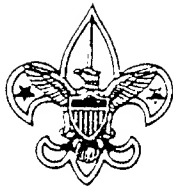
Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Western Region

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CONVICTION - TWO
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October 7, 1987

Paul Ernst
National Director,
Registration Service
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, TX 75062-1296

Dear Paul:

Sorry, to advise that we have a candidate for the national confidential files, and enclose the pertinent supporting material. This individual's name is Franklin L. Mathias, [REDACTED] La Grande, OR 97850.

We expect this man to come to trial the latter part of October or early November of this year. So far, we are not involved and do not have any lawsuits pending against us. For the time being, I guess we wait and keep our fingers crossed.

I assume you will advise the parties involved. Let me know if you require additional information from us.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Phil

PHILLIP W. ROBINS
Scout Executive

/lc

Enclosure

cc: Robin Johnston, Area I Assoc. Area Director
Claude Yamamoto, Western Region

*Added to CF file
deleted from
registration files
10/16/87
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ADULT APPLICATION

PRINT ONE LETTER IN EACH SPACE—
IF HARD, YOU ARE MAKING THREE COPIES.

FIRST NAME AND INITIAL

F R A N K L I N L

LAST NAME

M A T H I A S

- ☐ PACK NO.
- ☒ TROOP NO. 516
- ☐ TEAM NO.
- ☐ POST NO.
- ☐ SHIP NO.

☐ COUNCIL/DISTRICT POSITION

DISTRICT NO.

☒ FULLY TRAINED

ADDRESS—STREET OR R.F.D.

[REDACTED ADDRESS]

DATE OF BIRTH

1 1 7 3 4

POSITION

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MONTH DAY YEAR

CHECK ONE

☐ NEW LEADER

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CIRCLE B OR H

B [REDACTED]

11/30/86

DATE

Lots of stuff

PREVIOUS SCOUTING BACKGROUND

Blue Mt

COUNCIL

SIGNATURE—SEE COVER

OCCUPATION, EMPLOYER, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS

REGISTRATION FEE

\$ 5.00

BOYS' LIFE FEE

\$.

TERM (MONTHS)

UNIT RENEWAL DATE

MONTH YEAR

APPROVAL—SEE COVER

If applicant has an unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished in this unit by a payment of 50 cents for processing the transfer. Check the box and attach certificate. It will be returned by the council.

FOR COUNCIL USE:
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NAT'L UNIT NO.

MEMBER ID NO.

LOCAL COUNCIL COPY

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TROOP 5-0516

R D S T E R

LA GRANDE

OR

DISTRICT NAME & NUMBER
EASTERN OREGON 05

COUNTY
UNION

LOCAL UNIT NO.
TROOP 516

STATUS
R

TERM (MONTHS)
12

RENEWAL DATE
12/31/87

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION NAME & ADDRESS
LOS-LA GRANDE 2ND WARD

CODE
021

INSTITUTIONAL HEAD NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE
RAMON WESTENSKOW

LA GRANDE OR

OR 97850

100% BOYS LIFE
TOP LEADER TRAINED NO
QUALITY UNIT NO
511 MONTHS COMPLETED TENURE

MEETING PLACE AND DAY
LDS CHURCH TUE

BOYS LIFE: TERM BEGIN END
12 03/87 02/88

ADULT MEMBER LISTING

LDR NO	POS	BL	ST	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY & STATE	ZIP	DATE OF BIRTH	SEX	PHONE
014822	SC M	RAYMOND	S	BAUM	[REDACTED]	LA GRANDE	OR 97850	8/55		[REDACTED]
014823	MC N	BARBARA		LEATHERS	[REDACTED]	LA GRANDE	OR 97850	12/56	F	[REDACTED]
014820	SA N	DAVID	E	LOUGEE	[REDACTED]	LA GRANDE	OR 97850	9/61		[REDACTED]
014819	CC N	FRANKLIN	L	MATHIAS	[REDACTED]	LA GRANDE	OR 97850	1/34	M	[REDACTED]
014818	MC N	JOSEPH	K	PAPENFUSS	[REDACTED]	LA GRANDE	OR 97850	4/34		[REDACTED]
014821	SM N	JARED		RUSSELL	[REDACTED]	LA GRANDE	OR 97850	12/64		[REDACTED]
014824	SA N	RODNEY	J	SMALL	[REDACTED]	LA GRANDE	OR 97850	3/50	M	[REDACTED]
005314	MC R	RAMON		WESTENSKOW	[REDACTED]	LA GRANDE	OR 97850	3/42	M	[REDACTED]

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STATE OF OREGON,

INDICTMENT

Plaintiff,

Court No.

v.

D.A. No. 87-825

Agency No. OSP

FRANKLIN LEON MATHIAS

Defendant.

The above-named defendant is accused by the Grand Jury of Union County of the offense of SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE FIRST DEGREE, CRS 163.425 (A), committed as follows:

The defendant on or between ^{June 1, 1986} July 10, 1986, and July 9, 1987 Union County, Oregon, did unlawfully and knowingly subject [REDACTED] a person under the age of 12 years, to sexual contact, by touching the genitals, a sexual part of [REDACTED] contrary to the statutes in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Oregon.

NAMES OF GRAND JURY WITNESSES TESTIFYING

A TRUE BILL

James J. Jones
Foreman of the Grand Jury

Carol B. West
Deputy District Attorney

Date Indictment filed with Clerk of the Court

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR UNION COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON,

) INDICTMENT

) Plaintiff,

) Court No.

)

) D.A. No. 87-849

) FRANKLIN LEON MATHIAS

) Agency No. OSP

) Defendant.

The above-named defendant is accused by the Grand Jury of Union
County of the offense of
SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE SECOND DEGREE, ORS 163.415,
committed as follows:

The defendant between January 1, 1987 and July 1, 1987, in
Union County, Oregon, did unlawfully and knowingly subject
a person under the age of 12 years, to sexual
contact, by touching the genitals, a sexual part of
contrary to the statutes in such cases made and provided,
and against the peace and dignity of the State of Oregon.

NAMES OF GRAND JURY WITNESSES TESTIFYING

A TRUE BILL

James J. Jones
Foreman of the Grand Jury

David B. West
Deputy District Attorney

Date Indictment filed with Clerk of the Court

....., 19.....

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR UNION COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON,

Plaintiff,

v.

FRANKLIN LEON MATHIAS

Defendant.

INDICTMENT

Court No.

D.A. No. 87-853

Agency No. OSP

The above-named defendant is accused by the Grand Jury of Union County of the offense of SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE SECOND DEGREE, ORS 163.415, committed as follows:

The defendant between January 1, 1987 and March 31, 1987, in Union County, Oregon, did unlawfully and knowingly subject [REDACTED] a person incapable of consent by reason of being under the age of 18 years, to sexual contact, by touching the genitals, a sexual part of [REDACTED] contrary to the statutes in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Oregon.

NAMES OF GRAND JURY WITNESSES TESTIFYING

A TRUE BILL

Garnett J. Jones
Foreman of the Grand Jury

Russell B. [Signature]
Deputy District Attorney

Date Indictment filed with Clerk of the Court

....., 19.....

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR UNION COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON,

Plaintiff,

v.

FRANKLIN LEON MATHIAS

Defendant.

INDICTMENT

Court No.

D.A. No. 87-853

Agency No. OSP

The above-named defendant is accused by the Grand Jury of Union County of the offense of
SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE SECOND DEGREE, ORS 163.415,
committed as follows:

The defendant during June of 1987, in Union County, Oregon, did unlawfully and knowingly subject [REDACTED] a person incapable of consent by reason of being under the age of eighteen years, to sexual contact, by touching the genitals, a sexual part of [REDACTED] contrary to the statutes in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Oregon.

NAMES OF GRAND JURY WITNESSES TESTIFYING

[REDACTED]

A TRUE BILL

James J. Jones
Foreman of the Grand Jury

Paul J. [Signature]
District Attorney

Date Indictment filed with Clerk of the Court

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR UNION COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON,

Plaintiff,

FRANKLIN LEON MATHIAS

Defendant.

INDICTMENT

Court No.

D.A. No. 67-857

Agency No. OSP

The above-named defendant is accused by the Grand Jury of Union
County of the offense of
SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE SECOND DEGREE, ORS 163.415,
committed as follows:

The defendant during January, 1987, in Union County, Oregon,
did unlawfully and knowingly subject [REDACTED] a person
incapable of consent by reason of being under the age of 18 years,
to sexual contact, by touching the genitals, a sexual part of
[REDACTED] contrary to the statutes in such cases made and
provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Oregon.

NAMES OF GRAND JURY MEMBERS

A TRUE BILL

Foreman of the Grand Jury

Deputy District Attorney

Date Indictment filed with Clerk of the Court

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SEPTEMBER 5, 1987

TO: Phillip Robins
Scout Executive
Blue Mountain Council

FROM: Larry Sorensen
Senior District Executive


SUBJECT: Frank Mathias

On Tuesday June 16, 1987 Frank called and said he had talked with Pres. Dale Wyatt of the La Grande L.D.S. Stake and they had decided that he should resign his church callings and his Scouting positions. He was very emotional and I accepted his verbal resignation. No details were shared with me and I could only assume that Frank was having some legal or moral problems which were being addressed through the church. A couple of days later I received a call from Eric Valentine informing me that there was a State Police investigation of Frank being initiated and that it might be a good idea to remove Frank from his commissioner position to avoid prospective problems. I informed Eric that Frank no longer held any Scouting or youth related positions in the church and that what ever problems he had were being addressed through local church channels.

Until Friday, September 4th when I received a call from Eric Valentine informing me of Frank's arrest, I had no knowledge of the nature of the situation involving youth. On Saturday September 5th I learned from Ray Baum, an attorney in the firm representing Frank that he had been charged with 9 counts of 2nd degree sex abuse. I had Ray Baum call Scout Executive Phil Robins to inform him of the situation and then I called Phil to report what I knew.

Frank was removed from all Scouting assignments as of June 16, 1987, all information concerning the nature of his problem was held confidential until September 4, 1987 when he was arrested. Apparently, to my knowledge, the only people who were appraised of the situation were key church leaders in the La Grande, Oregon Stake of the L.D.S. Church and the La Grande 2nd Ward, a church counselor and the State Police conducting the investigation, all of which held information in strict confidence. Although I had talked with Phil about Frank's resignation and we knew there was some kind of problem, I was unaware of what had allegedly taken place. I will not know full details until the arraignment on September 9, 1987.

Respectfully


Larry D. Sorensen
Senior District Executive
Eastern Oregon District

record

POLICE AND FIRE

La Grande Police

Theft: Sandy Shenfield, 1416 X Ave., reported a shotgun was stolen from her pickup truck.

Arrests: Sofia Alexander, 28, and Jose Lopez, 41, both of Ontario, were arrested and jailed in the Union County Correctional Facility Friday (UCCF) on charges of first- and second-degree theft and conspiracy to commit theft in connection with a shoplifting incident at the Pay Less store.

Oregon State Police

Arrest: Franklin Leon Mathias, 53, 504 S. 12th St., La Grande, was arrested Friday and jailed at the UCCF on nine counts of second-degree sexual abuse involving 13- and 14-year-old boys. He was later released.

Arrest: Delmar Ray Stanley, 37, Joseph, was arrested and jailed in the Wallawa County jail on a felony charge of driving while his license was suspended.

Theft: The La Grande Country Club

reported flags were stolen from poles on all nine holes of the golf course.

Outside arrest: Richard Lee Ellison, 19, Elgin, was arrested and jailed in Milton-Freewater on Union County warrants for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and failure to appear in court on a charge of driving while his license was suspended.

Vandalism: Vera Culver, Clark Creek, Elgin, reported someone shot one of her calves which was along Clark Creek Road.

Game Violation: Rodney David Toy, 19, Elgin, was cited for illegal possession of an elk. Shannon Elaine Harling, Hope Diane Toy, Scott Bradley Toy and Mark Leland Eckstein, all of Elgin, were cited for aiding in the violation.

Union Police

Cited: Micha Dennis Wood, 20, was cited for criminal mischief Friday after he allegedly damaged a police car during an investigation of a underage drinking party. Officers reported five unidentified youths were also cited for being minors in possession of alcohol.

Ex-Scout volunteer charged with 5 counts of sexual abuse

A Union County grand jury Monday indicted a La Grande man on one count of felony sexual abuse and four counts of misdemeanor sexual abuse involving minor boys.

Franklin Leon Mathias, 53, 504 S. 12th St., was indicted in a grand jury true bill that was returned late in the afternoon.

The incidents allegedly took place during Boy Scout outings, said Union County District Attorney Russ West.

Mathias, owner of a printing business in La Grande, is charged with first-degree sexual abuse, a Class C felony, in an incident involving a boy

younger than 12 between June 1 and Sept. 1, 1985.

He also faces four counts of second-degree sexual abuse, Class A misdemeanors, involving boys between the ages of 13 and 18. Those incidents allegedly occurred this year between January and July.

Mathias originally was cited by police on Sept. 4 with nine counts of misdemeanor sexual abuse, in cases involving 13- and 14-year-old boys.

Mathias, who had been a volunteer in a local Boy Scout troop and was a former district commissioner, resigned from the youth organization in June.